

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT  
FAIR AND FIELD DAY

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## DECISION OF JUDGES.

## Literary Contests—

First Grade Reading—James Hudson, Smyrna, first; Helen Boyd Connor, Jalapa, second; Sarah Boland, Little Mountain, third.

Second Grade Reading—Effie Player, Speers Street, first; Julia Quattlebaum, Prosperity, second; Willie Mae Stone, Pomaria, third.

Third and Fourth Grades Reading—Becca Buzhart, Speers Street, first; Becca Harman, Prosperity, second; Helen Folk, Jalapa, third.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades Reading—Ruby Cook, Mt. Pilgrim, first; Aubrey Tiller, Speers Street, second; Edward Epting, Boundary Street, third.

Eighth, Ninth, Tenth Grades—Fannie Eleazer, Newberry High school, first; Moss Fellers, Prosperity, second; Julia Blair, Deadfall, third.

Third and Fourth Grades Spelling—Maude Hamilton, Boundary Street, first; Margaret Farrow, Speer Street, second.

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh Grades Spelling—Janie Dell Paysinger, Speers street, first; Lottie Mills, O'Neill, second; William Brown, Boundary street; Carrie Folk, Zion, third.

Eighth, Ninth, Tenth Grades—Zion, first; Silverstreet, second; Little Mountain, third.

First and Second Grades Composition—Mary Alice Hipp, Boundary Street, first; Walter Spearman, Deadfall, second; James Aull, Pomaria, third.

Third and Fourth Grades Composition—Troxelle Wright, Speers Street, first; Violet Lester, Fairview, second; Alma Gibson, Prosperity, third.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Composition—Mameb McWaters, Prosperity, first; Susie Maude Wilson, Speers Street, second; Daisy Young, Zion, third.

Eighth, Ninth, Tenth Grades Composition—Caro Wyche, Prosperity, first; Julia Summer, Newberry High school, second; Norris Setzler, Pomaria, third.

Fourth and Fifth Grades Arithmetic—David Hayes, Speers Street, first; Everett Hipp, Boundary Street, second; Bernice Merchant, Prosperity, third.

Sixth and Seventh Grades Arithmetic—Nellie Wise, Prosperity, first; Ariel Bowers, Mt. Pilgrim, second; Grace Booser, Kinards, third.

Eighth Grade Arithmetic—Wilbur Booser, Kinards, first; Drayton Nance, Newberry, second; Ray Dawkins, Big Creek, third.

Elementary School Boys' Declamation—Harold Hipp, Boundary Street, first; Virgil Derrick, Little Mountain, second.

Elementary School Girls' Declamation—Bertie Sauer, Prosperity, first; Marguerite Burns, Boundary Street, second; Annie Ward, Hartord, third.

## PARADE.

First Honor—Newberry High school. Second Honor—Boundary Street and Prosperity and Speers Street.

Third Honor—Trinity.

Fourth Honor—Johnstone.

Fifth Honor—West End and Hunter-DeWalt.

Sixth Honor—St. Luke's.

There were by actual count 2,200 people in parade. Almost every school in the county was represented in the parade. The following schools were present: Newberry High school, Speers Street, Boundary Street, West End, Oakland, Mollohon, Mt. Bethel, Long Lane, Cromer, McCrary, Deadfall, Utopia, Hartford, Johnstone, St. Luke's, Prosperity, Saluda, O'Neill, Fairview, Swilton, Big Creek, Central, St. Phillips, Rutherford, Broad River, New Hope, Pomaria, Garmany, Mt. Pleasant, Little Mountain, Wheeland, Hunter-DeWalt, St. Paul, Excelsior, Mt. Pilgrim, Mudlic, Chappells, Reedersville, Bush River, Smyrna, Trinity, Burton, Tranwood, Jalapa, Kinards, Whitfire, Mollohon, Betheden, Fork, Zion and Pressley.

## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Prosperity, 22 points; Newberry, 14; New Hops, 11; Zion, 9; Little Mountain, 3.

## Elementary Schools.

Prosperity, 14; Zion, 11; West End, 7; McCrary, 5; Smyrna, 5; Little Mountain, 1; Swilton, 1.

## Athletics—Girls.

Mt. Pilgrim, 5; Prosperity, 5; Trinity, 4; Zion, 3; McCrary, 1.

The C. N. and L. railroad operated a special train from Little Mountain on yesterday and had four coaches with something over a hundred to the coach.

## To Repeat the Play.

By request of a number of persons, the Hunter-DeWalt school will repeat the play, "The Only Girl," on Wednesday night, April 7. The same prices, 15 and 25 cents, will prevail. The public is invited to attend. At the other presentation of the play there was a capacity house. The proceeds go to the improvement of the school. When you attend you not only get full value for your money and have a pleasant evening, but you contribute to a good cause.

## BRADLEY'S LETTER TO JONES

Mr. W. W. Bradley Writes Explanation to Comptroller General As to Auditors Books.

Columbia, S. C. Jan. 6, 1915.

Hon. A. W. Jones, Comptroller General, Columbia, S. C.

Sir:—By your direction, I have made some investigation into the grand jury's presentment in Newberry county, at the fall term of court, insofar as the tax department of said county was concerned, and I respectfully report the following:

Work in the county auditor's office in Newberry county has been greatly increased by reason of the many special school districts created in the last few years. The tax assessments for these school districts have to be made independent of the regular duplicate and then interlined on the treasurer's duplicate, as the tax districts and the school districts are not the same.

There are something like ten of these special school districts in one township. This much is said in extension of the county auditor's dereliction in not having his books ready to turn over to the treasurer by October 1st.

About October 20th I went to Newberry by your direction to help make up the treasurer's duplicate. I found the auditor's duplicate practically made up and the special school book in progress of completion. The names had been copied on the treasurer's duplicate, as I was informed, some months previous.

As the treasurer's duplicate should have been completed and turned over some weeks previous, I felt the necessity for hastening the work, which I did, working an average of about 15 hours per day. The treasurer's duplicate was completed in about 15 days, and, barring a few clerical errors, some of which I will mention in detail, and which should not involve any loss either to the county or the county treasurer, it is correct.

The county treasurer called my attention to the following:

First. That property and taxes appeared on five or six lines of the treasurer's duplicate with no name against them. I informed the treasurer that those names had been added at the bottom of pages on the auditor's duplicate, after the names had been written on the treasurer's duplicate, which I found to be the case. In a few moments I secured these names from the auditor's duplicate and filed them with the treasurer. There was no property loss involved.

Second. That several tracts of land and personal property had been left off the auditor's books entirely, and hence off of the treasurer's duplicate.

While I could not go into this charge to any considerable extent in the few hours I was in Newberry, I think it likely that the auditor's duplicate will compare favorably in this respect with those of most of the counties of the State. Of course, the auditor and treasurer are expected to catch up any property left off and collect on additional returns, as is done every year in every county of the State.

Third. It was pointed out that one page of the treasurer's duplicate was one dollar out of balance in the total column. This is true. In extending the polls, dogs, special and regular taxes to the total column there was an error of one dollar, which was balanced by an error in addition of one dollar.

Fourth. It was pointed out that the acres had not been copied with absolute accuracy from the auditor's duplicate to the treasurer's duplicate. For instance, 188 acres as charged on the auditor's books was charged 118 on the treasurer's duplicate. This is true, but the correct valuation was charged as of 188 acres. In the haste to get the duplicate ready for the treasurer, we were of course careful as to values, but did not make careful comparison of the acres, and there may be occasional discrepancies of this nature, but they do not involve loss.

Fifth. And perhaps of more importance than any other apparent error was the fact that certain property and tax appear on the special school duplicate that is not carried to the treasurer's duplicate at all; and certain items of special school tax appear on the treasurer's duplicate charged to individuals who have no property charged to them on the treasurer's duplicate. This will have to be explained at length to be fully understood.

As stated at the outset, when I reached Newberry the auditor's duplicate was practically completed, as was also the special school duplicate. The auditor in making up his special school duplicate had taken the property from the tax returns instead of his duplicate. In this way he copied some property on the special school book as a basis for that tax that had been omitted from his regular duplicate. And in a few instances the amount of property in the name of the same individual was not the same on the auditor's regular duplicate and his special duplicate.

These facts did not develop until I began interlining the special school

taxes on the treasurer's duplicate, and when we were in a manner closing up the work.

To guard against any loss to the treasurer by reason of these items appearing on the special school book that had no property basis on the regular duplicate, and in order to balance the interlined special school tax on the treasurer's duplicate with the special school duplicate, I began making a list of the property omitted, which the auditor would later make additions for. I had gone through with Newberry township in this way when the treasurer came into the auditor's office. I explained to him the occasional discrepancies between the charges on the special school duplicate and the auditor's duplicate, and told him that I was keeping a list of the omitted property in order to get a balance. He said that he was going to be charged on his abstract with all the special school tax, and hence he wanted it all to be carried to the treasurer's duplicate. After that I carried all special school taxes to the treasurer's duplicate, whether the taxpayer had property charged to him on the treasurer's duplicate or not. A list of the omitted property is in the hands of the auditor and he understands that additions are to be issued and charged as supplemental taxes. Owing to the system of levying special school taxes in Newberry county, which is to make up a separate duplicate and interline on the treasurer's duplicate, it is very difficult to balance these interlineations against the original special school duplicate.

As already state, some townships are divided into many special school districts. These items were balanced, however, and are approximately correct, and if the auditor and treasurer are careful there need not be the slightest loss on this account. Another matter which the treasurer called my attention was that in two of the townships, the dogs, polls and ordinary taxes had not been extended to the total column. There was no special school taxes in those two townships.

The treasurer is entirely within his rights in complaining of this, but as a matter of fact it was not at all essential for his protection, and few of the auditors of the State extend these items to the total column at all. It was left undone in this instance because we thought it of greater importance to open the books for the collection of taxes than to consume more time in unnecessary work.

We have given in detail such matters as were brought to our attention. The books were made up hurriedly and are not as satisfactory as might be desired; but insofar as any matter brought to our attention is concerned they need not and will not involve any loss to the county treasurer or to the county. Treasurer Epps is a very efficient and a very painstaking official and he has doubtless felt more or less annoyance that he has not received his books promptly. He is entirely justifiable, too, in looking with the greatest care into any apparent error in his duplicate, since it was made up in haste. But we feel sure that with the care ordinarily exercised by county tax officials, working in harmony, the treasurer has nothing to fear in collecting on the duplicate now in his hands.

Respectfully,

W. W. Bradley.

A REPLY TO AUDITOR E. S. WERTS. Auditor Werts published in the county papers of March 16th, 1915, a letter written by himself to Gov. Bleas, said letter dated December 15, 1914. I will reply only to that portion of his letter as bears directly on the actions of the grand jury. Auditor Werts says the grand jury came to their conclusions by taking the word of persons not directly connected with them, and was unfair to him because they did not give him an opportunity to explain; did not go to his office or investigate his work. Now, for the facts in the case, as borne out by the word of honor of eighteen good grand jurors. When the committee from the grand jury found the auditor's duplicate in the treasurer's office to be so full of errors as to astound them, they at once went to Auditor Werts' office to look further into the conditions there. He was not in his office, although it was office hours and court in session. The grand jury then as a whole demanded that Auditor Werts be brought before them. They appealed to the court to produce Mr. Werts. The sheriff was instructed to arrest Mr. Werts and bring him before the grand jury. The sheriff found Mr. Werts and caused him to appear at once in the grand jury room to answer the summons of the grand jury. The poor condition of the books was then brought closely to his attention and he was asked to make a statement or any explanation he saw fit in reference to his errors. He could not, or would not explain one thing. Said he had no statement to make. He was asked many questions in reference to the errors, but he refused to say anything or make one single satisfactory reply, or give a reason for the deplorable

conditions of his books. The grand jury was left nothing else to do but report the conditions as they found them, which they did with fear and favor. The facts are still in evidence in the treasurer's office, although Auditor Werts has had more than two months to correct the errors, which he has not done.

And he was again reported for dereliction of duty at the last term of court. The public can judge for itself as to his fitness for the responsible position he holds.

But the facts are still there that he has been derelict in his duty and that his work is full of errors, notwithstanding he says the grand jury did not know what it was doing.

There is a great deal more that could be said in connection with our investigation of his office, but I am sorry for Mr. Werts and will refrain.

Haskell Wright.

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Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Newberry story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

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Yours very truly,

ROBERT BALLARD,

Mansfield, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 7th day of May, 1912.

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